

Jennifer's professional and academic successes only tell half the story of her remarkable career. She has also dedicated her time, energy, and talent to a range of important Kentucky organizations, from the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees, to the Kentucky State Fair Board, to the Kentucky Bar Foundation. In 2020, she took a brief break from her law firm to take her talents to the global stage, serving as a special adviser to the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations and a U.S. Delegate to the United Nations where she helped advance American priorities on human rights and foreign aid.

Jennifer's professional accomplishments are so exciting because she achieved them at such a remarkably young age. Jennifer has done incredible work to improve Kentucky and serve our Nation, and I am confident her recent promotion is just the first in a long list of successes yet to come.

Louisville Business First highlighted Jennifer Barber's new role in a recent article. I ask unanimous consent the article be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From Louisville Business First, Jan. 18, 2022]

**LOUISVILLE'S LARGEST LAW FIRM NAMES NEW MEMBER-IN-CHARGE**

Jennifer Barber was the first in her family to graduate high school. Now, she's stepping into the member-in-charge role at Frost Brown Todd LLC, the largest law firm in Louisville.

In an interview with Business First last week, Barber, the daughter of Chinese immigrants, recalled working alongside her parents in the restaurant they owned, attributing her belief in the value of sacrifice and hard work to them. She said she saw their determination to provide a greater opportunity for her and her sisters.

"I'm very proud to be the first in my family to graduate from high school and then college and law school, and I say that very humbly. It's not something that I feel is something to pat myself on the back for," she said. "I feel very much like, if not for our great country, which has endless opportunities for people who live here, and my parents being able to immigrate here and to make sacrifices and work hard . . . I wouldn't be able to be now the member-in-charge."

She's been with Frost Brown Todd since 2013. Her focus there has been on tax law, economic incentives and government affairs. She's also taken the lead on the firm's civic and charitable engagement. She took a brief break from her practice to serve as a United States delegate to the United Nations and as a special adviser to U.S. ambassador to Canada Kelly Craft for the 2020 session.

As Barber spoke about each of these roles: the UN, the law firm, the charitable work, and her parents, she kept coming back to the concept of wanting to give back to her community.

As a young attorney, she said she sought opportunities where she'd be able to help people, and she ultimately landed on tax law. She said her work with companies in this field allows her to assist with the city's economic development.

"Part of my civic engagement is to help these companies thrive, because when they thrive, we see that our communities are

thriving," she said. "Our citizens, our residents are employed and through taxes, we fund schools, and we fund fire departments, and we fund libraries . . . I think to the extent that we can spur stronger economic growth in our communities, everything else tends to rise as well."

She completed both her undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Kentucky. She served on the university's board of trustees, as well as its athletic committee. (Plus, she's an avid sports fan—specifically cheering for the Wildcats.)

She's also served on the Kentucky State Fair Board, U.S. Bank Advisory Board, Louisville Bar Association Board of Directors, Kentucky Bar Foundation, and American Bar Association Tax Section Executive Committee.

While working with the UN, Barber said her main focus was on foreign policy, human rights and humanitarian assistance. She said it was a humbling experience to serve the country and see firsthand the positive impacts the U.S. has on the rest of the world.

She said her background as a daughter of immigrants helped her understand and empathize with others during her work at the UN.

"My family immigrated here from China . . . for me to be able to sit behind that United States placard and deliver remarks on behalf of the United States, it's really one of the greatest honors," Barber said.

At the time of our conversation, Barber had only held the member-in-charge role for about two weeks. She said her mission within the role was for the firm to continue to provide good client service and give back to its communities.

"It's not lost on me that . . . I am minority, and I am a woman, and I'm so pleased to have this role for many reasons," she said. " . . . I just think it's a reflection of our firm and the legal profession as a whole really diversifying leadership and different perspectives."

Barber is taking over the member-in-charge role from Geoff White, who held the position for seven years. White is still working for the firm in other leadership roles, according to a news release on the leadership changes.

The law firm, which has 294 local employees in total and 153 local attorneys according to the most recent LBF research, also announced that member Jason Williams will serve on the executive committee, the firm's equivalent of a board of directors.

**NOTICE OF A TIE VOTE UNDER S. RES. 27**

Mr. BROWN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent to print the following letters into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

U.S. SENATE, COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, DC, January 19, 2022.

*To the Secretary of the Senate:*

PN1519, the nomination of David Uejio, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, having been referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, the Committee with a quorum present, has vote on the nomination as follows—

1. On the question of reporting the nomination favorably with the recommendation that the nomination be confirmed 12 ayes to 12 noes; and

In accordance with Section 3 paragraph (1)(A) of S. Res. 27 of the 117th Congress, I hereby give notice that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs has not reported the nomination because of a tie vote and ask that this notice be printed in the Record pursuant to the Resolution.

U.S. SENATE, COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, DC, January 19, 2022.

*To the Secretary of the Senate:*

PN1523, the nomination of Julia Ruth Gordon, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, having been referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, the Committee with a quorum present, has vote on the nomination as follows—

1. On the question of reporting the nomination favorably with the recommendation that the nomination be confirmed 12 ayes to 12 noes; and

In accordance with Section 3 paragraph (1)(A) of S. Res. 27 of the 117th Congress, I hereby give notice that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs has not reported the nomination because of a tie vote and ask that this notice be printed in the Record pursuant to the Resolution.

U.S. SENATE, COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, DC, January 19, 2022.

*To the Secretary of the Senate:*

PN1524, the nomination of Solomon Jeffrey Greene, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, having been referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, the Committee with a quorum present, has vote on the nomination as follows—

1. On the question of reporting the nomination favorably with the recommendation that the nomination be confirmed 12 ayes to 12 noes; and

In accordance with Section 3 paragraph (1)(A) of S. Res. 27 of the 117th Congress, I hereby give notice that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs has not reported the nomination because of a tie vote and ask that this notice be printed in the Record pursuant to the Resolution.

U.S. SENATE, COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, DC, January 19, 2022.

*To the Secretary of the Senate:*

PN1527, the nomination of James Arthur Jemison II, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, having been referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, the Committee with a quorum present, has vote on the nomination as follows—

1. On the question of reporting the nomination favorably with the recommendation that the nomination be confirmed 12 ayes to 12 noes; and

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## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

## RECOGNIZING GARY AMBLE

• Mr. MARSHALL. Madam President, today I wish to recognize Gary Amble of Kansas City, KS. For the last 30 years, Gary has worked for his community by broadcasting the weather. I would like to congratulate him on his retirement from KCTV5 and thank him for the invaluable service that he has provided Kansas over the last three decades.

In 1987, Gary graduated from the University of Kansas with a degree in atmospheric science. Before his employment at KCTV5, Gary worked as the head anchor at WHO-TV in Des Moines, morning meteorologist for KDFA in Amarillo, weekend weathercaster for KSNT in Topeka, and chief weathercaster for Cable 6 in Lawrence. While in Des Moines, he worked 22 hours continuously live on the air covering the unprecedented flood of 1993, which affected nine States along the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers. He has described it as a highlight of his career. Gary's tenure at KCTV5 began in the summer of 1994, where he would stay for the next 28 years. There, he cemented himself as the Kansas City area's familiar face of weather, always charismatic and—most importantly—accurate whenever he came on screen. Because of his distinguished career, Gary has been awarded the American Meteorological Society seal of approval, and is currently a member of the society.

Tracking and reporting on the weather is great public service, so I take pride in recognizing Gary Amble as an exceptional member of the Kansas community. I would like to wish Gary and his family the best in this new chapter of their lives.●

## REMEMBERING RUTH SCHEER

• Mr. MARSHALL. Madam President, I rise today to honor and memorialize a true representation of Kansas values. Mrs. Ruth Scheer departed this Earth on January 4, 2022, after a long life full of faith, family, service, and community.

Ruth was born and raised in Wichita, KS, where her parents, Clyde and Edith, provided a childhood full of love and support. She quickly picked up a love for music, beginning with the accordion before she turned 10. Her musical efforts, nurtured by her parents, continued to grow as she did. Ruth's talent and dedication were rewarded by the opportunity to perform in the National Piano Playing Auditions and winning multiple piano diplomas throughout high school and college. Her love of music and the arts continued as she started a family with her husband, Harold. She taught her children to play various instruments and sing. She even led the family to perform multiple operettas in the community as the "Scheer Delights."

Beyond music, Ruth also inspired children by publishing seven children's books. Each book contained different messages, but at the heart of her literary philosophy was finding the best version of one's self through God's guidance. These books have undoubtedly touched many lives, and I appreciate that she spent her career bringing such a wonderful sentiment to life.

Ruth practiced what she preached by finding the best version of herself and employing her time and talents with an impressive number of prominent organizations throughout Wichita. Highlights of her involvement include the First Evangelical Free Church, 3-time president of the Thursday Afternoon Music Club, member of the Alpha Beta Mothers Club, and she even received the Kansas Mother of the Year Award.

In my own life, my parents showed me the importance of community and staying involved. A strong, connected community benefits its members by fostering happiness and success. Ruth embodied what it means to be a community builder, mother, and teacher. Wichita is a better place because of her efforts. She is a role model everyone should strive to emulate in their own communities. I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Ruth Scheer and celebrating a life well-lived.●

## TRIBUTE TO DEPUTY GABE VITT

• Mr. MARSHALL. Madam President, I rise today to honor a true hero from Labette County, KS, Deputy Gabe Vitt. His quick thinking and expertise helped save the life of a woman in a situation only seen in movies.

Deputy Vitt was on patrol in Parsons, when he heard over his radio that a woman had been hit by a train. EMS was preparing to respond to the situation like they normally would, but the person calling about the accident disconnected before they could say where the woman was hit. By great luck and coincidence, Deputy Vitt was only a few blocks from the tracks.

Realizing that emergency medical services wouldn't be there in time, he rushed to the scene to find a woman with a severed leg. Making use of his EMT training from school at Labette Community College, Vitt was able to apply a tourniquet which stabilized the woman's leg steady, ultimately saving her life. After the incident, Deputy Vitt credited that training heavily, describing his heroics as a natural reaction to the situation. Had he not been nearby or received his EMT training, that woman may very well not be here today.

I want to thank this brave officer for being so courageous to dive headfirst into peril. As the son of a police chief, I know the risks our men and women in blue take on each day. I admire these unique citizens for continually working to ensure our safety. Deputy Vitt has shown what true valor looks like, and Labette County is safer because of him. I ask now that my colleagues show this

same admiration and recognition for Deputy Vitt and that he may stay safe protecting his community.●

## TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN J. NORMAN

• Mrs. MURRAY. Madam President, I rise today to honor and congratulate Mr. Stephen J. Norman on his retirement following 45 years of work in the community development and affordable housing industry. Stephen retires from Washington's King County Housing Authority, where he has served as executive director and been an extraordinary asset to our State and the greater Seattle-King County region for the last 25 years.

Under Stephen's leadership, KCHA has doubled the number of households served during his tenure and charted a path forward with an expansive vision of what a public housing authority can be in the 21st century. The authority's housing stock and tenant-based programming now house more than 55,000 individuals, including over 20,000 children. Stephen oversaw KCHA's designation as one of the first Moving to Work Housing Authorities in the country, a recognition that enabled KCHA to pioneer efforts to partner with the education, health, and workforce development sectors to support residents throughout King County.

As the former assistant commissioner for Homeless Housing Development in New York City, Stephen has always understood the importance of service-enriched supportive housing. I am particularly proud of the work that Stephen has undertaken to expand the HUD-VASH program in King County, connecting housing and service systems to support our veterans who are suffering the indignity of living outside.

Stephen has also been a staunch champion of broadening the geographic availability of affordable housing. KCHA has invested heavily in workforce housing, reflecting an ambitious Nation-leading effort to preserve existing housing in gentrifying and high-opportunity areas, and has pioneered mobility initiatives for families with children participating in the Housing Choice Voucher Program. The Creating Moves to Opportunity Program research has served as the foundation for current efforts by the Federal Government to increase geographic choice and mobility for households with low incomes. Time and time again, under Stephen's leadership, KCHA's programs have paved the way for broader policy change at the State and Federal level.

The host of expansive housing and services programming at KCHA reflects Stephen's extraordinary skills in developing cross-sector partnerships, even in the most difficult of circumstances. With his wit, inquisitiveness, and relentless drive, Stephen has earned the collaboration and respect of leaders across the State and Nation. He has served as the president of the board of directors for the Council of Large Public Housing Authorities and was the